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3671**PATENT****RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 3600**

In re: Collins & Collins  
Appl. No.: 10/010,794  
Filed: November 13, 2001  
For: LATERALLY ADJUSTABLE LOW PROFILE  
TRENCH DIGGING MACHINE

Confirmation No.: 5851  
Group Art Unit: 3671  
Examiner: A. Torres

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Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL in the above-identified patent application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27.  
 No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(COL. 1)		(COL. 2)	(COL. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
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Respectfully submitted,



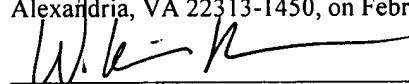
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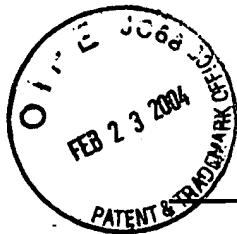
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### Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

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Status of Application: Non-Final Rejection

Tentative Participants:

(1) Examiner A. Torres (2) Examiner Will  
(3) Kevin Ransom

Proposed Date and Time of Interview: To be determined by Examiner

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Type of Interview Requested:

(1)  Telephonic (2)  Personal (3)  Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated:  YES  NO

If yes, provide brief description: Enclosed Amendment

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Issues To Be Discussed

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Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Rejections</u>	1, 2, 4-6, and 21		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

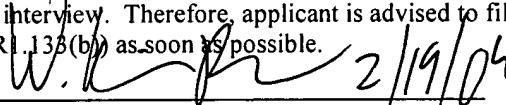
Applicant's counsel wishes to discuss the claims in light of the cited combination of references and the enclosed Amendment.

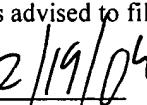
An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_.

NOTE:

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

  
(Applicant's Representative Signature)  
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